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"(*d*) The contract system of labour in the Public Works Department Workshop, Madras is now confined to the Foundry, Pattern and Instrument shops, Safe and lock section and the Wooden shutters section and the Carpentry section. The question whether the contract system of labour should be abolished in any of the branches and if not, whether it should be made obligatory for contractors to ensure certain conditions of service to the workers under them is separately under consideration.

"(*e*) This will be examined on receipt of certain further particulars called for from the Chief Engineer.

Co-operative building societies in villages.

* 52 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for building houses in villages where the huts are frequently destroyed by fires; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to start co-operative building societies in villages?

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—"(*a*) No schemes have been drawn up for building houses in villages where huts are frequently destroyed by fire. But a Co-operative House Building Society has been registered near Tenali in Guntur district where the huts of the local weavers were destroyed by fire accidents in 1945.

"(*b*) Building societies have been started in villages also and no discrimination is shown in the matter of organization of such societies between urban and rural areas, the only consideration being that the requisite conditions for the registration of societies should be forthcoming. The Government have also recently called for proposals for starting housing schemes in rural areas."

Smuggling of papers of Andhra Paper Mills, Rajahmundry.

* 53 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) (1) whether it is a fact that one Mr. G. Sriramulu of Cocanada gave a report to the Collector, East Godavari, on 19th February 1944 through the Commercial Tax Officer, Cocanada, at Rajahmundry Camp, about smuggling of paper of Andhra Paper Mills, Rajahmundry, by country boats in the river Godavari intended to reach Madras for sale in the black-market;

(2) whether it is a fact that an enquiry was made by the Inspector of Civil Supplies on the report of the said G. Sriramulu;

(3) whether the Inspector of Civil Supplies sent a report and, if so, what were his recommendations;